GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5022
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DOLPHIN MOBILE
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dolphin Mobile Service has been commissioned after proper completion of Acceptance Test (A.T.);

(b) whether the payment of the contractor of this work has been made after AT Certificate;

(c) whether there was a condition in the tender that the payment of the work will be made after Customers Acceptance Module (CAM) only;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaint regarding irregularities committed in CAM procedure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Dolphin Cellular Mobile service of MTNL has been launched in Delhi on 7th February,2001 and in Mumbai on 28th February, 2001. The service was launched commercially after taking provisional clearance from the licensing authority subject to the condition that pending tests will be completed in a time bound manner.

(b) MTNL has procured this equipment from M/s Indian Telephone Industries (ITI), a Govt. of India Undertaking. As per the contract with ITI, 50% of the contract price of the equipment has been released to the contractor on the basis of the goods delivered. Further, on account payments in phases have been released to M/s. ITI to be adjusted against final payment to facilitate faster progress of the work.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.